

Public Safety Committee  
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**SUPPORT:**

**S.B. No. 966 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS TO SELL FIREARMS.**

**S.B. No. 967 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR A REVOLVER**

**H.B. No. 6376 (RAISED) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT OF A BOOK RECORDING EACH SALE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.**

**H.B. No. 6377 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARMS PREEMPTION**

Chairman Dargan, Chairman Hartley, Distinguished Members of the Public Safety Committee:

I would very much like to thank this committee for raising the following bills, which I would urge you to support.

**H.B. No. 6377 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARMS PREEMPTION.** Currently, law abiding gun owners face a difficult task trying to be educated about state and federal statutes so that they stay compliant with the law. Municipalities add an additional layer of problems by having the ability to enact different ordinances on any whim. This needs to be directly addressed so that there is uniformity and equity so that gun owners can properly follow the law. A gun owner travelling within Connecticut can encounter a host of different local laws. It is unfair and in many cases unfeasible to expect them to be aware of, and understand, every single gun related ordinance in every town.

**S.B. No. 967 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR A REVOLVER**

It is well known that the current system for temporary pistol permit issuance is subject to complaints and problems. This is due in part to local police departments adding on their own individual requirements in addition to what is required under statute. This is causing a backlog in the permit application process, and creates an unfair and arbitrary burden to Connecticut residents who are attempting to comply with the law. In fact, this has become such a problem, that the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners issued a Declaratory ruling on the subject. Unfortunately, despite copies of this ruling being sent to the towns, the problem still exists. Passing this legislation would establish uniform statutes and would resolve this problem.

Additionally, I would urge you to support

**S.B. No. 966 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS TO SELL FIREARMS**

**and**

**H.B. No. 6376 (RAISED) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT OF A BOOK RECORDING EACH SALE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER**

In closing, I hope the committee will give serious consideration offered on these bills today, and I appreciate the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely

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